(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be started for attracting more foreign and domestic tourists; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Wear and tear in Jagannath Temple

2630. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain part of the holy Lord Jagannath Temple in Puri have started cracking showing a sign of wear and tear.

(b) whether Government propose to take any remedial measures in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action plan to restore glory of this 12th century shrine?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Every care is taken to look after the Lord Jagannath Temple in Puri and no such cracks or signs of wear and tear are visible.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The conservation of historical monuments is a continuous process. The structural repairs of the Temple are attended to as and when necessity arises. In addition, the routine maintenance work is done regularly.

Night view of Taj Mahal

2631. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken by Government to decrease the rates of night viewing of Taj Mahal to enable the poorer sections of the society to enjoy the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The rate of entry fee for night viewing of Taj Mahal is as follows:

Indian	—	Rs. 510/- per head
Others	—	Rs. 750/- per head
Children (from 03-15 years)	—	Rs. 500/- per head

(c) The rate of entry fee for night viewing was fixed, based on the additional cost for providing security, and for regulating the number of visitors as the Supreme Court's permission is for allowing only 400 visitors per night.

Statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

2632. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Maharashtra asked for permission to install statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in the Megh Dambri at Raigad Fort at Raigad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government propose to give the permission?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Archaeological Survey of India has received a request from the Government of Maharashtra for installation of a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji in Megh Dambri at fort Raigad. The proposal was carefully examined in detail and a view has been taken by the Central Government that the installation of above statue in Megh Dambri in Raigad Fort, which is a protected monument of national importance will not only contravene the provisions of the Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, but will also affect the original ambience, ancient features & aesthetic view of the monument.

Shaking minarets of Ahmedabad

2633. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that shaking minarets of Ahmedabad stopped